

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Code of Rhode Island Rules

DIVISION FOR HEALTH CARE QUALITY, FINANCING AND
PURCHASING
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Section 0399
MEDICAL SERVICES COVERAGE
MA PROVIDER REFERENCE MANUALS
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Medical Assistance *Provider Reference Manuals*: Preamble – 0399.001. The RI Medical Assistance Program established the *Provider Reference Manuals* (PRMs) to centralize information about Medical Assistance (MA) health coverage and payment policies and procedures for participating providers. The PRMs were last published in 1996 and have been updated on an as needed basis, through amendments and supplements, at regular intervals since then. The PRMs cover:

- C Rehabilitation, Vision and Waiver Services Providers
- C Hospital/Home Health Services Providers
- C Podiatry, Long-term Care, Pharmacy and Physician Services Providers
- C Ambulance, Laboratory, Dental, DME and Hearing Services Providers
- C General Public Assistance Medical Coverage Providers

Duty to Comply – 0399.002. All current and prospective MA providers are bound to follow the applicable policies and procedures governing participation, covered services and payment in the Medical Assistance Program set forth in the appropriate *Provider Reference Manual* (1996), as revised 1997 *et seq.*

Maintenance and Distribution – 0399.003. The Department of Human Services (DHS), or contractual agents acting on DHS's behalf, are responsible for distributing and maintaining the *Provider Reference Manuals* and ensuring that participating providers receive timely notice of changes in policies or procedures necessitated by federal and State laws and regulations.

Access and Availability – 0399.004. Copies of the *Provider Reference Manuals* may be obtained, upon request, by contacting DHS's fiscal agent by telephone (401-784-3829) or the Center for Adult Health in writing (600 New London Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island, 02920). On-site inspection and review of the PRMs is available, by appointment, at the DHS Office of Policy Analysis, Research and Development, Louis Pasteur Building -- #57, John O. Pastore Complex, Cranston, RI 02920. Call 401-462-2018 to make an appointment during business hours from 8:30am — 4:00pm.